



Brownfields 2006 Grant Fact Sheet

Hamilton, OH

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Hamilton was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in southwestern Ohio, Hamilton (population 60,960) is a federally designated Renewal Community. It is estimated that, after several successful brownfields projects, the city is still home to more than 1.5 million square feet of underutilized, functionally obsolete, and potentially environmentally challenged industrial and commercial properties. The city plans to clean up the former Mercy Hospital site, which between 1887 and 2001 has been used as residences, a lumber yard, paper mill, marble works, laundry company, and hospital. The site is located in the German Village neighborhood, which has a poverty rate of nearly 37 percent. It is in close proximity to several sensitive ecological receptors, including the Great Miami River, a sole-source



Cleanup Grant



\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected the City of Hamilton for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to clean up the former Mercy Hospital site at 100 Riverfront Plaza, which is contaminated with polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, volatile and semivolatile organic compounds, and metals. Grant funds will be used to excavate contaminated soils, remove underground storage tanks, and clean up contamination.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The cooperative agreement for this grant has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.

aquifer, and residential properties. Cleanup of the former Mercy Hospital site is part of the city's Rivers Edge Redevelopment Project. Under this project, the city anticipates that its redevelopment partner will invest approximately \$10 to \$12 million to develop approximately 8,000 to 12,000 square feet of commercial, retail, and office space, and approximately 100 to 120 housing units. The plan also calls for the preservation of an existing park on the property and the creation of an amphitheater along the Great Miami River. This redevelopment is expected to bring new, well-paying jobs to the city, and generate property and income tax revenues for Hamilton.